

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA**

TO: THE BAR AND PUBLIC

The United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Indiana is seeking public comment concerning a proposed change to the Court's Local Rules. The change involves the following rule:

- B-9010-1 Attorneys, *adding a provision relating to the procedure for obtaining pro hac vice admission to practice.*

The proposed amendments are available online at the court's website, <http://www.innb.uscourts.gov/>, or in hard copy at the clerk's office. Send comments and suggestions by **July 3, 2008**, to:

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United States Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of Indiana
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Dated: June 3, 2008

Proposed change to the local rules for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Indiana. New material is indicated by redline, and deleted material is indicated by ~~strikeout~~.

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1 (a) The bar of this court shall consist of those persons admitted to practice by the District
2 Court for the Northern District of Indiana.

3 (b) The chair of any committee established pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 705 or § 1102 may
4 appear and speak for the committee at any non-evidentiary hearing in a contested matter. Such a
5 committee must be represented by an attorney at any evidentiary hearing and in all adversary
6 proceedings.

7 (c) A person not a member of the bar of this court shall not be permitted to practice in this
8 court or before any officer thereof as an attorney, unless (1) such person appears on his or her
9 own behalf as a party, or (2) such person is admitted to practice in any other United States Court
10 or the highest court of any state and is, on application to this court, granted leave to appear in a
11 specific action pro hac vice and tenders the required fee (which is one-half of the fee required for
12 admission to the bar of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Indiana) by a
13 check payable to the “Clerk, United States District Court” or (3) such person appears as attorney
14 for the United States.

15 (d)-(g) The provisions of N.D. Ind. L.R. 83.5 (d)-(g) are applicable to all matters pending in
16 the bankruptcy court.

17 (h) In all matters and proceedings before this court, only natural persons may appear and
18 represent themselves. All other entities shall be represented by an attorney. For the purposes of
19 filing a proof of claim, participating in a meeting conducted pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 341 or a
20 reaffirmation agreement, a creditor need not be represented by or appear through an attorney.

21 (i) Paraprofessionals may not appear at a § 341 meeting on behalf of a debtor but may
22 appear and question a debtor on behalf of a creditor.

23 (i) Persons appearing pro hac vice pursuant to subsection (c) of this rule shall certify that
24 they have read the Standards for Professional Conduct within the Seventh Federal Judicial
25 Circuit and the local rules of this court and shall abide by them in all cases in this court. This

26 certification shall accompany the motion to appear *pro hac vice* on the form available from the
27 clerk of the district court. The failure to make the required certification may result in the motion
being denied.